



**Oil Pad Complex**  
**Southern Area Type 2 Incident**  
**Management Team**  
**Monday, June 20, 2011 8:00 PM**  
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**Fire  
Information:**

**Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to  
8:00 p.m.**

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm>  
[www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)

Current Status	<p>The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,524 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Overall containment of the fires is 70 percent. Acreage changes reported for the Kissimmee Billie and Bundschu Fires today are due to refined mapping.</p> <p>Today firefighters continued to keep the fires within their perimeters using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals such as the Florida Panthers and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers.</p>		
Planned Events	<p>Planned events for Tuesday include monitoring by air, gathering fire intelligence and continuing low impact fire suppression techniques to keep fires within their current perimeters. Firefighters will be transported by swamp buggies and, when needed, by helicopter to attack fires in remote locations. Swamp buggies are high clearance vehicles with large tires that provide access to remote areas of Big Cypress National Preserve.</p>		
Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	70	June 13
North	5,878	70	June 13
Bundschu South	1,408	70	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	22	50	June 13
Corral	61	50	June 16
Green	5	0	June 17
Little	1	50	June 19
Number of Personnel	188		
Equipment	Two large, one medium and two small helicopters, eight engines.		
Cooperators	Florida Div. of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Fla. and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.		
Restrictions and Closures	<p>Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry activity. Due to the Oil Pad Fire Complex an emergency closure is in effect for the Bear Island Unit. This closure consists of the following trails and access points: Bear Island Access from Turner River Road, and Walk in Access points which includes -- Bear Island Grade from Hwy 29 and mile marker 70 along I-75. This closure encompasses all of the trails and the Bear Island Campground. All backcountry activity, including hiking and biking is restricted. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in effect.</p>		
Fire Weather	<p>Partly cloudy with increasing cloudiness and 30% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will be hot from 96 to 99 degrees and humidity of 39 to 43 percent. Winds will come from the southeast 5 to 8 mph. East and west coast sea breezes will develop, with merging of the two sea breezes expected to be over the western portions of the burn complex.</p>		